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The National Republican has a larger daily
circulation than all the other morning papers
of the District combined.

BANNING squirms and wriggles like a
real Army Worm under intelligent and ex-
perienced criticism.

The House Judiciary Committee years
for something to impeach. KNOTT for
PROCTOR is the response.

The St. Louis *Globe-Democrat* says: "A
drunken member on the door of the House
is an infallible sign of the return of the
Democratic party to power."

CHICAGO proposes to abolish its "Zoo,"
and sell or give away its wild animals. All
very well as a matter of economy; but how
they'll miss CARTER HARRISON.

As the spring advances and the full effect
of the so-called silver inflation is felt in
the South there is a unanimous Democratic
cry in that section for mint privileges—not
for coining purposes however.

"RAWNESS in position" is the verdict in
Doorkeeper POLK's case. This is the new
Democratic synonym for open violation of
the law. But Sergeant-at-Arms THOMPSON
doesn't feel particularly raw in his position.

The House Banking and Currency Com-
mittee propose to have all the gold in the
various United States depositories weighed
in their presence. Now, who will weigh the
committeemen before and after this job?

It may be true that the Northern Demo-
crats in the House are not hand-and-glove
with their contemporaries from the South;
but, to apply an old aphorism, "like crows
they make common caws" over the rotten
causes of the defunct Confederacy.

They say that Representative EWING is
going over to the National Party. There
is something in its name that may have at-
tracted him. Be this as it may, to join it is
the only way the word national can become
even remotely connected with his name or
fame.

HOW I HATE THE MILITARY is the bound-
ing BANNING's new version of the opera-
bonnie song. And he is joined in the chorus
by the entire gang of sham patriots from
the South, as well as the Moonshiners, the
Rioters, the Strikers, the Communists, and
GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN.

The blessings of the law are clearly di-
picted in the case of JAMES B. TAYLOR, a
merchant of New York city, who died three
years ago, leaving an estate valued at over
\$200,000. The lawyers who settled the es-
tate got the whole of it, the sheriff having
nearly seized and sold some of the widow's
dresses and jewelry to supply the deficit.

BOB TOOMS seems to be the favorite
among all the aspirants for the Democratic
nomination to be Governor of Georgia. The
doleful sounds that proceed from him in
lamentations of the Lost Cause are sweet to
the eager ears of the people of the State of
the Jawsaw, sir; and the fatal results of his
Confederate leadership are forgotten. Another case of the blind leading
the blind.

HOX. NOAH DAVIS, of the Supreme Court
Bench of the State of New York, addressed
the people of New York city last Sunday
evening, at Tammany Hall, on the subject
of temperance. It was his first appearance,
and his effort was a great success. He made
an army of converts. At the close of his
amusing and captivating address three hundred
and fifty persons walked up, signed the
pledge, and put on the blue ribbon.

The Albany *Express* thinks the Repub-
licans have resorted to a shrewd trick in putting
a "workingman's candidate on the trail
of a Democratic candidate" for the purpose
of weakening "the enemy." "The enemy"
is good, by way of confession, but the trail
part of this declaration is an old story.
Whenever and wherever the workingman
has been sufficiently intelligent to subserve
his own interests he has put himself on the
trail of the Democracy with a vengeance.
Hence the Democratic opposition to the
free-school system—as in Virginia, for in-
stance.

The Atlanta *Constitution* speaks sarcastic-
ally of the "cuhuh'd East and the wild,
wild West," and conmiles with HENRY
WATKINSON, of the Louisville *Courier-Journal*,
upon the fact that he has much to learn
from his brother journalists of those sections.
Of course he has, and, among other things,
is to avoid being enthusiastically carried
away by ideas of unarmed innocents, whose
meek and lowly design is simply to demon-
strate some unselected man into office. But
HENRY has been behaving himself pretty
well lately, even if he did support the
silver bill under protest.

The Newark *Daily Advertiser*, in speak-
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rector of the mint is not satisfied with the
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ed down from one generation to another."

always, at a glance, designating the nation
that issues them. It would be better to re-
turn to the old design of an eagle holding a
shield rather than make perpetual changes
and attempts in art which leave us without
fixity of ideas, but with an abundant
measure of ridicule."

The Communists celebrated themselves
and their doctrines at Bethoven Hall, in
New York city, on Sunday evening last,
and was a red affair throughout. The
Graphic says: "The tickets were red, the
numerous flags were red, the neckties
were red, the flowers were red, and even the
babies, in arms, who titrated out with their mothers as *susse*,
were very red in the face from crying.
These young Red Republican Communists
took a very active part in all the exercises.
It is evident that this element is making
progress in this country. Our cities will
soon be marked by its presence."

It is quite a compliment to The Post to have
its Jones Sandstone rival imitating it in style
and makeup. The imitation stops at that
point, we are pleased to know. As yet there
has been no infringement upon our intellectual
territory.

The style of make-up referred to is in imitation
of the Philadelphia *Times* and other
respectable journals which our neighbor
imitates. There is no danger of any one's
infringing upon its "intellectual patent"
until it is cleared of its filthy and vulgar
surroundings. The pearl is said to neccles
in the head of a toad, but no one care to
appropriate the gem until it is separated
from the reptile.

Isn't it about time our Southern brethren
ceased talking about the down-trodden and
impoverished condition of their section?
The war left them in a distressed condition,
it is true; but the bankrupt law wiped out
all individual obligations up to a later date
than the close of hostilities, and since then
the Democratic party has gradually asserted
itself, until it now has complete control of
every Southern State. With no individual
debts to pay, and Democratic legislatures
to provide cheap government for them, in-
cluding repudiation of State obligations,
the people of the South are to be congratulated,
unless it is true that they are not so pro-
perous as they were under "Federal Bayonet
Despotism."

The so-called quarrel between Secretary
SHERMAN and Mr. KELLY, of Pennsylvania,
is accepted eagerly by the Opposition
as an indication of the disintegration of the
Republican party. This is bad; but the re-
viving thought asserts itself that the prin-
ciples of that party would survive the
death of their thus far bloodless quarrel
should fatefully. The truth is, as plainly in-
dicated in New Hampshire last week,
the Republicans have learned the lesson of
discipline from their opponents. They may
fight like cats and dogs before an election,
but when voting time comes they walk up
to the polls solidly, upholding principles,
not men.

The enemies of silver are not dead,
neither are they inactive. The New York
Times indulges the following relating to the
performances over the silver dollar at the
Treasury Department. Its correspond-
ent on Monday writes: "There have been
no receipts of the new silver dollars at the
Treasury since the first installment of \$10,
000 on Thursday last. The balance in the
vaults at the opening of business this morn-
ing was \$4,879, showing that the demand for
the new coinage in three days last week,
when it was exchanged to applicants,
amounted to \$5,121. There were very few
applicants for the new dollars to-day, the
sum paid out up to noon amounting only
to \$34." And all this comes of the policy
of the Secretary, who will take nothing but
gold for the silver dollar, and the gold spec-
ulators have put the yellow stuff on a slight
corner. The people do not care for silver
at a sacrifice of from one to two per cent.
This little game will correct itself, or a bill
should be put through making greenbacks
a legal tender as much as gold.

Stand by Your Guns!

A few years since there was an honest
charm and magic in the title "Independent,"
when applied to a man who had for
the nonce shaken off allegiance to party
and prepared to do battle solitary and alone—
rather than that fight in a fatal cause or
fight for bad men. "Independents" grew
strong in numbers, if not in principle. Many
rallied to their support in sheer sympathy.
And mischief these Independents certainly
did, if party strength and discipline be con-
sidered; and the Republican party suffered
the most through the "Independent" disaf-
fection, and the loss of the House of Repre-
sentatives to that party was one of the re-
sults of the votes of those misguided men.

These Independents, without leadership,
without platform, without principle, save
the cry of "reform," sought to accomplish
the ruin of that great party, which had
given them the only prominence they had
ever known. And why? Because the party had
thought proper for the time, and with
some forever, to reward individuals to private
life who were lukewarm in the cause
or had proven unworthy of future trust and
confidence. And these are the Independents!

The people are, however, no longer de-
ceived. The party of the Union is proving
its devotion to liberty, progress, and education—
and Independents' are rapidly tak-
ing back seats. It requires no prophetic
eye to see that the country is in danger.
The eventful and disgraceful scenes occur-
ring in Congress prior to the rebellion are
not being repeated.

The spirit of the demagogue rules and
reigns in our national legislative halls.
Nothing is being done to relieve the
distress throughout the country; but laws are
being enacted discreditable to common
sense, disgraceful to legislators, and ruinous
to the country. The people have been long
suffering; no longer can they forbear. The
mutterings of the thunder—that political
thunder which will strike both the inde-
pendent and the demagogue—is already
been heard. From the granite hills of the
New England States to the sandy soil of
New Jersey it has reverberated, and the
autumn elections of 1878 will sweep them
into obscurity forever.

It costs the taxpayers of Ohio \$1,000 every
day the legislature is in session. That body
has been in session more than sixty days with
nothing done but party legislation. There is
no barren identity about Democratic repre-
sentatives.

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Railroad Subsidies.

We have steadily opposed any more subsidies
for constructing railroads through our
own country at present, for the reason that
we think this Government has done enough
up to this time to foster enterprise in this
direction. There may be a just need, how-
ever, of fostering our ocean marine interests,
and at this proper time may be made
useful as an independent proposition. The
railroad contest for subsidies is waxing warm
and interesting and whatever Congress may
be induced to do, it should be done where it
will do the most good. The struggle now
existing between the Texas Pacific and the
Southern Pacific is the strongest. It is
evidently the largest degree of public attention
and interest. In discussing these questions
the New York *Times* holds the following
view of the case:

There is no ground for the pretense that the
created interests of the Texas Pacific give it
any claim to subsidies. The *Post* says: "The
Texas Pacific is the son of Colonel A. M.
Meacham's new monthly devoted to the
interests of the American Indians. Colonel
Meacham, notwithstanding he came near losing
his life in the Civil War, is a man of great
energy and ability, and has a large number
of friends among all the teachers and parents
who have children in school."

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